

Selection of Examiners.

111. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

- (a) the principle on which Examinerships are distributed;
- (b) whether the seniority of teachers is taken into consideration in the allotment of Examinership?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) The selection of examiners depends upon scholarly attainments, efficiency, reliability, experience, etc.

(b) It is also considered among other things.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Now are these examiners selected and by whom?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—They are selected by a Board of Examiners. A panel of members is prepared by the Board of which I myself am the President. Some names out of this panel are suggested.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Who prepares this panel of examiners?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—So far by myself as the Head of the Department and President of the Board, after consulting the Inspecting Officers and some of the Headmasters and so on. There is no definite procedure for preparing these panels so far.

Complaints regarding the Lower Secondary Scholarship Examination.

112. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

- (a) whether there were complaints regarding the Lower Secondary scholarship examination in Arithmetic this year;
- (b) whether the Education Department inquired about it;
- (c) whether the answers were valued properly; and if so, how many actually received 60% marks, the minimum necessary for scholarship?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes; 15 pupils got 60% and above, and 55 more than 50%. The minimum necessary for scholarship has been reduced from 60% to 50%.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—When was this minimum lowered from 60 to 50?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—In November 1931 as a result of the resolution of the Headmasters' conference.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Was there a complaint that the paper set was much above the standard?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Instructions were issued to the examiners to be as lenient as possible.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Was it really so?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—From the results published it looks it was so.

Number of Students admitted in the St. Thomas and the Maharaja's Colleges in the last five years.

113. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the number of students who passed the Intermediate Examination in the last five years from the St. Thomas and Maharaja's Colleges ;

(b) the number of students who applied for, and who got admission in the various groups of the B. A. classes in the last five years in the above Colleges ;

(c) the maximum number of seats proposed to be provided in the various groups of the B. A. classes in the Maharaja's College Extension Scheme ;

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) Total number passed:

	<i>Maharaja's College, Ernakulam.</i>	<i>St. Thomas College, Trichur.</i>
1103	73	60
1104	59	50
1105	83	62
1106	77	64
1107	68	41

(b) Please see the statements appended. (*Appendix I*).

(c) I B 32; II B 32; II C 32.

II E 24; IV A 40; IV B 60.

(Total strength in each of the B. A. classes to be 220. The strength will be finally fixed by the University after the construction of the building is over.)

Raffles sanctioned in the State.

114. Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Will the Government be pleased to give the names of persons and institutions that have applied within the last five years for sanction to conduct raffles stating which applications have been granted, which were rejected and which are still pending disposal?